

An unpleasant sort of arithmetic—Divisions among families.

ANSON COUNTY.
We learn that the trial of the prisoners charged with the murder of Radford will commence to-day. The Solicitor will be assisted in the prosecution by Messrs. Ashe and Bennett, and Hargrave and McMillan. The defense will be entrusted by assignment of the Court to General Dargan and Steele & Walker. The trial attracts much interest and will be ably conducted on both sides.

A Model Township.
In Williams' precinct, Columbus county, where there were three hundred conservative votes cast at the last election and not one Radical, there are but three delinquents on the tax list, and not a case of bankruptcy in the township. This is the effect of good local government. If it were not for the burdens imposed upon these citizens through the extravagance and corruption of the State government, they would soon be as prosperous as ever. The people of Columbus will, however, do their whole duty in "righting things" in August.

CONVENTION.
There were considerable insinuations and threats pending the passage of the Convention bill and after the adjournment of the Legislature, of great opposition in the Conservative ranks to Convention if the Legislature by a majority vote should submit the question to the people. The names of eminent gentlemen were paraded before the public, and their opposition was held in terror, over those who favored the movement. Unfortunately, however, the bill was passed, and the question is to be submitted to the people in August for their ratification or rejection.

The canvass has now fairly opened. The most eminent gentlemen in the State, many of whom have had little or nothing to do with politics since the war, and some who are disfranchised from holding office under the Constitution of the United States, are taking an active part in the discussions in favor of the call—while not a few are candidates for the Convention. Indeed, should the Convention assemble, it will be much the ablest body which has met in North Carolina since the close of the war.

In the meantime, one by one, those who were claimed as opposed to Convention, have openly denied any such opposition, and stated their purpose to canvass in its favor, and, in one instance at least, Colonel BENNETT, of Anson, is a candidate for Convention. To-day we cannot recall a single Democrat or Conservative of any general reputation, who opposes Convention, if we may except Mr. J. E. Moore, of Martin, a young gentleman of worth and of position in that section, who has represented his county in the Senate and in the House. There may be others whom we cannot now remember. Two papers, the Salisbury Old North State and the Raleigh Telegram, anti-Radical, are battling manfully against Convention, but if they have any supporters outside of the Radical ranks, we do not know it. We trust, at least, that in this "departure" they have none.

On the other hand, several Republicans of prominence and influence in different portions of the State, have openly declared in favor of Convention. Among others, Mr. L. C. Moore, of Craven, one of the Radical Senators in the present Legislature, among the ablest, as he was the most pronounced Republican in that body, has declared in a public speech that he would vote for Convention. He said that several Republicans in the Legislature were in favor of the bill, but that a party caucus whipped in the dissenting members and compelled them to vote against their convictions. At the same meeting, Dr. M. F. Arradell and Jennings Piggett, both prominent party men, and the former long connected with political contests in this State, and for many years a Senator from Carteret county, announced their purpose to vote for Convention.

In Robeson, ex-Senator Hayes, a prominent Radical, and we believe others, have come out in favor of Convention. From the West we hear of several leading local Radical politicians who are open in their advocacy of Convention, and that section is represented as about unanimous for it. We do not believe that it will be made a party question in many counties of the State, but the contest will rather be over the election for delegates. Conservatives and Republicans, rich and poor, white and black, all alike, are oppressed with the burdens which our present constitution imposes upon them. All parties are equally interested in saving the State from ruin which the present expensive government will inevitably bring upon her. Reformation is as much needed by the laborer as by the employer. The poor suffer proportionately as much as their more prosperous neighbors. The blacks bear the burdens no more graciously than do the whites. From all quarters, from all classes of people, the demand for change, for economy, for judicial probity and learning, for peace and order, for renewed prosperity, comes. Nothing can check these appeals. They will continue to be made in louder tones until the evils under which the people suffer are corrected.

Everywhere the best men in the State are being brought forward, and the Convention when it assembles will be controlled by men who will not only know the wants of the whole people, but who have the wisdom, firmness, honesty and capacity to give us a Constitution which will be consistent with those wants, and not in conflict with the laws of the country. The people demand the change, their necessities require it, and politicians whose personal interests are in conflict therewith, will be cast aside as hardly worthy of notice in a contest of such vast moment. The office holders have made a good thing of it—many have grown rich—many, too many by dishonest practices. But their time is limited. The end of their official existence draws nigh. The people have been robbed long enough. They now demand that it shall cease, and they intend to be heard and heeded.

General Hancock.
We have received a pamphlet entitled "The Civil Record of Major General Winfield S. Hancock during his Administration in Louisiana and Texas." It comprises his orders and letters, and a review of his administration in these two States while military commander.

General Hancock is the only one of the Federal Generals who has had command in the South who has shown any knowledge of, and respect for civil law, personal liberty and rights and local self-government. During the few months he was in command of the Fifth Military District he exhibited a statesmanship of which few soldiers are capable. Before he took command there he had a high regard for him. We had fought him so often and so hard that he had won our admiration as a soldier. We learned to respect him also as a civil officer. One who has been clothed with such great authority, and has used it with such wisdom, firmness and moderation, for the good of the people and in obedience to the Constitution of his country, in a time of great trial and temptation, it is but just that his example should have honorable mention and remembrance among his fellow-citizens.

We have been favored with an advanced proof of a letter from Colonel BLANTON DUNCAN in regard to General HANCOCK which will appear during the week in several leading papers of the country, which we publish with pleasure. The admiration which the course of General HANCOCK has excited throughout the South, especially among that portion of our citizens who know nothing personally of the distinguished soldier but the brilliancy of his defense, show how united and fraternal might have been the relations between the sections if all like him had accepted the surrender of the Confederate armies as a cessation of hostilities. But the close of the war gave to towards and knaves an opportunity to vent their spleen which the dangers of the field had caused them to nurse with noisy but harmless fury for four long years. In such a contest he could make no part. He has dared rather the displeasure of the President and Congress, and among the Indians of the Northwest proves his devotion to the cardinal principles of government laid down in his order in assuming command of his military district. "The right of trial by jury, the habeas corpus, the liberty of the press, the freedom of speech, the natural rights of persons and the rights of property must be preserved."

No graver questions were ever presented to the people for solution, says the Baltimore Gazette, than those which will constitute the leading issues between the two parties in the next Presidential campaign. Since 1861 the Radicals have held control of Government, and during all this time have been working, by legislative enactments and all sorts of devices, to consolidate all power at Washington. The checks and balances of the Constitution have been steadily ignored; the rights of the States trampled upon; the judiciary crippled in the exercise of its legitimate functions, and the Executive reduced to the condition of a mere subordinate of Congress. The scheme of the Radicals from the beginning has been to get rid of all constitutional restrictions which interfered with their determination to make the legislative department of the government the ruling power, and to bring about an entire change in the relations of the States to the central authority. They have undertaken at the South to make and unmake States at their sovereign will and pleasure. They have also undertaken, both North and South, to clothe Federal agents with the power to supervise elections, and to invest Federal Marshals, backed by a multitude of armed Deputies, with authority to regulate voting at the polls, to make summary arrests, and to turn over alleged offenders for trial before the Federal Courts.

In respect to the amendments to the Constitution, under which the Radicals claim for Congress novel and extensive grants of power, even Senator SUMNER, in his speech at the Republican Convention held at Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday last, did not dare to assert that all three of them were legally adopted. Instead of declaring outright his belief that they were properly passed, he dealt with the amendments hypothetically. "If," he said, "they were adopted by a vote of two-thirds of each House of Congress," and "if they were ratified by three-fourths of the States"—why then; if so, "the amendments were the supreme law."

After thus adroitly dodging the question he challenged the Democrats to deny that the amendments are a part of the Constitution. The Democrats do not propose to discuss this question. They do not deny that the amendments have been foisted into the Constitution; but they denounce the means that were taken to frustrate the popular will in respect to them, and the fraud and force that were used to make them a part of "the supreme law."

But leaving the amendments out of the question, there still remain between the Democrats and the Radicals issues of the utmost importance to the well-being of the Republic, upon which an appeal to the people is to be taken. The question whether the present tariff, framed in the interests of monopolists, shall be continued, or whether it shall be changed into a tariff for revenue purposes merely, is one of these. A thorough reform of the internal revenue system is another. The recognition of the Southern States as equal members of the Union, and the abandonment of the system of political proscription that prevails there is a third. Besides these there are many others—among which are: The enforcement of a rigid economy in the administration of all departments of government, reorganization of all departments of the civil service, and the adoption of a financial system which shall equalize the distribution of currency, instead of making nearly all of the States tributary to Eastern capitalists.

If there were no other issues before the

people the Election and Ku-Klux laws, these alone ought to be sufficient to arouse them to a sense of the danger they are in from Radical domination, for they strike directly at the rights of the States and the liberties of the citizen. But when in addition to those we have stated, the notorious corruption of Congress and the demoralization that has spread like a leprosy throughout the entire army of officeholders are taken into account, these surely are grounds enough upon which the opposition to the Radicals can base a strong demand for a change.

National Issues.

We have no quarrel with the Northern Democratic party for seeking aid among their political enemies. We are satisfied that unless Conservative Republicans—such as have become disgusted with the recklessness and corruption of their own party—are enrolled under the banner of the Democracy, it must remain in the minority at the North, and the out-peddling there cannot make up for their weakness there. In this spirit we have approved of their "new departure." We feel that in it lies the path to victory; out of it is inevitable defeat. We are willing to acknowledge and respect the laws of the country, however such we may condemn the manner and purpose of their enactment. We have higher objects and nobler aims than to tilt against the wind. We have neither the time nor strength to waste in fighting accomplished facts. The future is too pregnant with evil and danger to theorize and weep over those of the past. There is something yet left for free citizens to battle for; much can be saved from the wreck of a constitutional government—the equality of the States, the liberty of the citizens, local self-government—all of which are now threatened, are certainly worth every effort in the power of freemen to maintain. We see no safety for these great and vital principles except in the defeat of the party now in power.

It behooves Northern and Southern Democrats, and conservative citizens of all political creeds, of all sections of the Union, to unite together to work out this result. We are willing for this purpose to co-operate with them upon live issues and live men. We are willing, in order to meet upon common ground, to make our due proportion of the sacrifices of opinions and feelings. Thus far we can and will go, not doubtfully and distrustfully, but honestly and openly.

But we shall require that the ground we meet upon shall be common—we must assemble together as equals—we must appear as faithful and zealous allies—we must honor and confide in each other. While we are willing to fight under the lead of some acceptable leader, who either in the field or in civil life, contributed to defeat a cause to which we had devoted our lives and property, we shall demand that our feelings shall be respected, and that our overthrow shall not be continually thrown up to us by way of insult. If our sufferings do not protect us, our political unanimity and strength can and will. We do not ask our party friends to mourn with us over our dead brothers and defeated cause. We appeal to no people on the globe for sympathy—we fought without it—we lost without it—we have suffered without it. We propose to work out our material regeneration by our own efforts, and without surrendering our manhood and honorable pride.

These are not matters for political conventions and party platforms. We are much interested in the maintenance of good government in the United States as good citizens, but we are not interested in her armies or labored in her legislative councils. Indeed, we have been the chief, if not the only sufferers from the vindictiveness and violence which has characterized the spirit and action of the General Government since the war. We are, therefore, willing to work for the future. We cannot agree as to the past, and it is without political significance, unless our friends render it so by joining in the Radical party cry of "rebellion" and "treason." The following article from the New York Citizen and Round Table, a Northern Democratic paper, edited with ability and exercising a good influence in that city and State, will justify what we have said and point out the danger which now threatens the unity, certainly the success of the Democratic party:

The Republicans have always saddled the Northern Democracy with the sins of secession. The late rebels are called "traitors," and "traitors" are the worst of names. In his last exhibition of presumption and stupidity is another weapon in their hands. We once hoped that Davis would have been made an example of, as a traitor he deserved it. As a president he deserved it. Moreover he might then have been of value as a martyr he would have been of use to us, for the very reason that the Republicans strive to identify their cause with his. He was a more worthless piece of self-sufficiency, the painful reminiscence of a dishonorable past; dead, he was an example of a traitor he deserved it. As a president he deserved it. Moreover he might then have been of value as a martyr he would have been of use to us, for the very reason that the Republicans strive to identify their cause with his. 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But there is time to reconcile all these difficulties, and whatever of conflict there may be in the views of the Southern people. Beyond question Southern delegates must not be conspicuous in framing the platform or in nominating the candidates. However acceptable the one or the other might be, under other circumstances, if any pretext exists to connect them with

opportunity of completing the work auspiciously begun, and of still further horrifying the officary of the State. We do not see that the people should hesitate to strip the judicial ermine from polluted shoulders, or abate the perquisitism of profligate and corrupt office-holders simply because it is "very much against their wishes!" Pearson, Reade, Tourge-

stand. It is, however, a condition precedent to this improvement that the rain should cease; a long drought would not be a blessing, especially to the cotton growers. We are pleased to observe that the planters this year have gone more largely into the corn culture than usual, and the prospects are that they will be in a better condition next season to meet any of the emergencies of reduced prices and other disasters of their occupation.

Mr. James Buchanan, a nephew of the late President, died last Friday at his residence near Gunford station, W. and C. railroad, after an illness of some weeks duration.

DIED.

At Moonshine, Moore county, on the morning of the 14th inst., of nephews Fulmonias, Ollie and Elvane, in the 13th year of his age.

Deceased had been from youth a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and just twelve months ago graduated at Wake Forest with highest honors and returned to his friends with every prospect of leading a life of usefulness; but, alas! Death came his sombre shadow, and

than. It was supposed at the time that the body was that of a soldier named Joseph Smith, of Dubuque, Iowa, who had deserted from his regiment. He was a New York citizen, and soon after disappeared and was never heard of before. He was seen frequently before he disappeared in company with disolute men, and was himself given to drink. After seven years there came news from Sydney, Australia, which says that the body of a man who comes to be known as Smith, was recovered at last. Some time between the year 1840 occurred in the course of which several men, in the parts of which one of the parties was fatally wounded. The guilty ones were arrested, and while in jail one of them implicated himself and fellows in the murder of Joseph Smith. He stated

The disease from which horses in New York are suffering, and which has produced an excitement almost amounting to panic among horse owners there, is pronounced by most eminent authorities identical with the "spotted fever" in the human system, and is of quite ancient origin. In European countries it has been an occasional epidemic for years, and is said to prevail frequently among the Arabian and other Oriental horses. Possibly the mat-

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and being out of money they determined to rob Smith of three hundred dollars which he had obtained by jumping the bounty. They took him to a coach factory on Prince street, where they first killed him, and then cut him up. They then took a coach and committed the remains to the river. The man who killed Smith is dead, but his companions will probably suffer the full extent of the law in Australia.

"Mamma," said a little boy who had been sent to dry a towel before the fire, "it isn't done, 'tis."

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